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SUBJECT: MOSCOW VISIT OF MINTRADE POSTPONED

REF: CAIRO 2375

1. CAIRO PRESS REPORTS THAT VISIT OF MINTRADE ZAKARIA TEWFIK ABDEL FATTAH TO MOSCOW HAS BEEN POSTPONED INDEFINITELY. VISIT, SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 21, WAS TO HAVE PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE FINAL DETERMINATIONS ON TRADE AGREEMENT AND, PERHAPS, DEBT QUESTION.

2. ACCORDING TO PAPERS, SOVIET MINTRADE ADVISED THAT HE WOULD BE OUT OF TOWN ON 21ST, BUT WOULD ARRANGE FOR HIS FIRST DEPUTY TO HOLD TALKS. CONTACTS ARE BEING MAINTAINED IN ORDER TO FIND NEW DATES.

3. COMMENT: WE GET DISTINCT IMPRESSION THAT NEITHER SIDE IS VERY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THIS (OR ALMOST ANY OTHER) ASPECT OF GOE-USSR RELATIONS. NEVERTHELESS, IN RECENT CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE, TEWFIK GAVE IMPRESSION HE WAS EXPECTING TO MAKE TRIP ON SCHEDULED DATE. THIS TACTIC OF POSTPONING OR DELAYING VISITS IS REMINISCENT OF SIMILAR SOVIET TACTICS USED IN LATE 1974 WHEN FAHMY AND OTHER GOE

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MINISTERS HAD THEIR VISITS CANCELLED ABRUPTLY BECAUSE

OF SOVIET DISPLEASURE OVER DEVELOPING EGYPTIAN RELATIONS
WITH US.
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